TENNIS AT ITS BEST

Fielding Tells the History of a Calamitous Social Failure

RESUME OF THE SEASON

Avoid Trouble by Playing on Somebody Else's Court,

the coming winter begins of fait. In the cities the make itself fait. In the cities the sign of the changing season has a noted by many observers. It is a times on the part of the agent when a approached with questions as to date when he will turn on the un heat in his flats. Out here in rural districts we know that hen summer has fled by the fact two cannot get anything to eat theirty dealer in human folder collects and disposes of those subsecs which were not consumed by regular "nummer people." For he regular "summer people." For come weeks we have lived upon any and thing that happened to be lying around, and the farmer who supplied us from his dairy has skimmed the

Such being the state of the weather While it is time to write the history of hir wife's tennis court. She has less living here with our Uncle Heay's family since early in July, when it notey to live in the city with their reditors. I went to Quininehurst at that stage of the game, and afterwards

went further than that Indeed, daude and I have been sundered for a arge part of the summer; and other ances, so she wrote me, have seen favorable for a quiet, enjoyable Among the circumstances aformental were a couple of town lots ying adjacent to my Uncle Henry's secration. He has not agreed to buy hem. Nobody in his senses could do hat. But he has promised to see that he owner of them is decently buried when he shall have shaken this immoral part-a euphemism for dying in juintheliurst. This surmise gave Uncle Henry certain rights in the and; and as he had succeeded in pasuring his cow where there was someking to eat, he offered the town lots to Maude for a tennis court.

During my brief stay in Quininesurst I marked the necessary lines on he arid face of those town lots, and hen I bought a net, a racket and some salls with money which I really needed for eigurs.

Never mind, Maude," said L after this act of self-sacrifice, "you will get a lot of fresh air and exercise, and



THEY RISE AT EARLY DAWN.

then, in the fall, you will be strong enough to have a hired girl in the flat

instead of doing your own work."

Uncle Heary's daughter Jennis plays tennis a little, but it's no fun for we women to play together because they never can remember how the rame stands, and one says it is fortyove while the other declares it is duce, after which they quarrel and go into the house while the fresh air stays out loors and the exercise develops only he maxillary muscles. For the information of the unlearned I will state that the maxillary muscles operate the

Such being the case, Jenuie angrested, when the court had been laid set, that it would be a good plan to artis two young men. Messra Atkins and Bland - who were spending a month's vacation at a boarding house Quininehurst-to come over and play tennis.

"We should be happy to have you use sur sourt whenever you wish," said femmie to these gentlemen, and they secepted with alacrity.

When Munds learned of this she said it would be very nice, because doubles at tennis were great fun, especially when there were men to chase the balls. The next morning Mesers Abkins and Bland came over, and put out she net about nine o'clock. They played nine sets of singles, and then went boms to dinner. In the aftersoon they played eleven sets. Maude and Jennie brought two chairs from 20 house and watched them play. Inche Henry brought them a pall of water. Mr. Atleins said it was a pity here wasn't more shade on the court. Mr. Bland said that he didn't mind the men very much, but he thought that a sarf court ought either to grow grass or let it alone. Straggling bunches of regulars interfered with his play. femnie, who is a very polite and oblig-ing girl, said that she would pull up the grass and see what could be done about the wan, whereat Mr. Riand secued pleased and romarked that he and his friend would come again next

They did. In the seconth set Mr. Bland was so unfortunate as to break sis resket. He burrowed Jennie's, It fid not soit him very well, but he did the best he could. In the afternoon he seemed to get used to it, and by supper ime he was one set alread of Mr. At-

The next day Mr. Atkins sent his makes to the city to be restrung. He orrowed Mamie's and did not do well with it. However, when he returned & at supper time he saured Mande hat he was not the man to bear a credes. This was while Jennie was alting in the not and Unite Henry was sunting for one of the halls.

It was on the fifth day of the great series between Mesers, Bland and Ascine that Mande remarked to Jennie hat beenis as so exercise was not so invigorating as six had been lot is exnet. Jennie replied that possibly if her got up early in the meeting be-Ture Mr. Bland and Mr. Atkins were some interest in your being. There

astir they might get more benefit out of the game than they had hitherto secured. They accordingly arose at six o'clock the next scorning; breakfasted in the atmosphere of ill-temper which shrousis the earth at that early hour; and put out the net just as it began to rain.

It rained so much that the court did not dry that day. In the afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Adarus called. They are young people whom Jennie knows very well, and she was delighted to find that they had some to Quininohurst for the summer. Naturally she invited them to partake of the joys of the tean's court. They came over about ten o'clock the next forencon. Mr. Bland and Mr. Atkins were already playing. Mr. Adams is a man of such ready tact that he could enter a burgiar-proof safe with a can opener, and he succeeded in breaking into the game. Then Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Mr. Atkins and Mr. Bland played doubles till dinner time. After dinner they re-turned and played doubles till supper time. Jennie asked Maudo, as they mt beside the evening lamp, whether



she thought there was more exercise in watching singles or doubles. Mr. Adams came over in the evening to ask if he could invite a couple of friends to play tennis on the morrow. He was

granted that privilege.

Mr. and Mrs. Adams and their friends arrived on the following morning just in time to freeze out Mr. Atkins and Mr. Bland. One of the friends borrowed Jennie's racket. The other would have borrowed Maude's, but Mr. Atkins had broken it. In this emergency, Mr. Adams borrowed a racket from a Mr. Stevens. As Mr. Stevens and his family had not been invited to play on Jennie's court, they regarded the borrowing of the racket as a piece of unparalleled impudence. They were therefore very much offended with Jennie, who had known nothing about it, and the Stevens' immediately gave a large party to which neither Jennie nor Maude was invited. Some of Jennie's friends suggested that Mr. Stewns should have taken offense at Mr. Adams, whereupon Mr. Adams wanted to know how he could have invited the Stevens' to play on somebody else's tennis court. As this question seemed to be unanswerable, the feeling against Jennie was intensified by it, and Mr. Stevens' brother-in-law got up a progressive tennis match for the express purpose of leaving Jennie and Maude out. Mr. and Mrs. Adams, Mr. Atkins and Mr. Bland practiced for this match on Jennie's court, and they kept it have from early more till dewy ore.

busy from early morn till dewy eve.

It was not long after this the Rockwoods, who were among Jennie's
friends, invited her and Maude to play on their court. It rained that day, but Jeunie of course had to return the invitation. When the Rockwoods came over they found the Adamses and their friends playing on Jennie's court, and after waiting a couple of hours in the hot sun, the Rockwoods went home again, very much offended with

Up to this point Maude's narration of the events of the summer is tolerably clear, but beyond it, we find a vast and complicated tangle of social differences which no human intellect can comprehend. It appears that



THEY PLAYED SINGLES ALL DAY.

everybody who has played on that court is offended, and that everybody who has not played upon it is even more bitter. Among those who have not played there at all are Jennie and They have quarreled with all those who have, and with most of those who have not, including each other. I judge, from their narration of the facts, that it is easier to be president of a South American republic than to run a tennis court. The only person who really seems to understand the subject ts Uncle Henry. He says that he will plow up the court next spring and plant potatoes in it.

. HOWARD PIRESTING.

TRACING ANCESTRY. One's Genealogy le a Our-Sided and

Partial Thing. A conversation among a group of people the other day, all of whom were of good New England families, brought out some curious admissions, says the Boston Transcript. Only one of the party could trace his descent, in the line of mothers, farther than to his grandmother, though several could trace it very much farther in the paternal line, and even in what they called the "maternal line," which meant of surse the mother's father's family. All present could tell the maiden name of their mother's mother, but only one sould tell the maiden name of her mether. Of course many in New England among those genealogically curful people who can tell you the names of all their sixteen great-great-grandfathers and grandmothers can do this, but there are remperatively few, and those who cannot carry back the line of mothers more than three generations include the representatives of some of the most aristocratic families in New England, whose line of poler-

cal descent is unbroken to the entilement and beroud. Let us think for a moment what this question involves. Empress you write down your own name. Then write down on one line just above it the passes of your father and mother the father's name first on the left, the mother's second on the right. You perceive that these two people last un

is at least a chance you are like your mother in important physical and mental respects. Now, set down on a line above these two names the names of your grandfathers and grandmothers, beginning with your father's father and ending with your mother's mother. These two couples, again, had as much interest in your father and your mother as your father and mother had in you; and there is in you as much of your mother's mother. Now above this line wrise down the names of your eight great-grandparents—which you should surely be able to do if you are a Yankee. Each one of these eight had an equal interest in you. Now, you perceive that you have a pyramid standing on its apex. You are the apex. The left hand edge of it is your line of fathers, and on the right hand of it is your line of mothers. In all likeliyour line of mothers. In all likelihood you derive rather more of your characteristics from the right hand edge of the pyramid than you do from the left, and while, in all probability, if you are from a good New England family, you can go on stretching out the left hand edge of the inverted pyr-amid, you cannot go on with the right

A DOG OF FRANCE.

The story of a dog of France is told in the Outlook—a dog who became one of the most loved of all the followers of Napoleon. He was a shaggy dog, whom the soldiers called Mustache, and who, casting his lot with that of the army, had followed it into Italy. Scarcely had the army reached Alex-andria when Mustache warned his comrades of a night attack, his timely waking saving, perhaps, the army. In return the dog's name was inscribed on the roll-book of his company. From that day he was entitled to draw rations—a grenadier's portion daily.
Moreover, the regiment's barber was
ordered to comb Mustache at least once a week. It was not a sinecure for the barber, for not a member of the regiment was a greater fighter than the dog. Once he was wounded in the shoulder by a bayonet thrust, and once, in the battle of Marengo, he lost an ear. But every wound was dressed by the company's surgeon, and every new cannonading put Mustuche his feet. Some years elapsed, and then the dog reappeared at Austrilia. He was in the midst of the fight. The company was hard pressed, and the standard bearer was left alone—with Mustache-accord the dead and dying. The Austrians were charging and at a shot the standard bearer fell. The dog and the flag were left behind together. Seizing the tattered shred of tricolor in his teeth, Mustache started across the field. Leaping from the very feet of the foe, who thought they had gained the prize, on through shot, and cannon roar, and smoke he sped until he reached the French lines, and dropped at his comrades' feet the blood-stained rag. He lifted a broken paw, and the regimental surgeon set it; and the Mareshal Lannes with his own hands, they say, fastened a medal around the hero's neck. And then, they say, as Mustache limped proudly down the line all the soldiers presented arms as though he had received promotion in rank, or the cross of the Legion of Honori

A TIME TO "SAW WOOD." Wise Men Say Nothing and Look About

for Chances. and finds that he has no time for grum-

If he is dependent upon his own efforts for the employment of his time, he is looking around for the main chance, knowing full well in times like these that the man who "saws wood" is most likely to come out at the head of the procession when the agitation is at an end and those who have taken their time to do the talking finally turn their attention to business. This does not apply to that class of curbstone prophets who are never known to toll, spin or look with favor upon anything save an invitation to drown their sorrows at the nearest ber. Them we always have with us. Sunshine and shadow alike find them busy at their calling. The public welfare has little interest in their going or com-

But there are thousands to-day who would better serve their own best interests, and the good of the community as well, if they would use whatever means they have, together with their best energies, and would bottle up their wisdom on the questions which are supposed to be delegated to the statesmen at Washington, and to those who make a business, and money, by educating the public, and go to work. A little money will go further now in buying, building and almost anything else than at any previous time in the history of the west. They who "saw wood" will be counted as the wise ofes of the period.-Kansas fity Journal.

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